

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia**

January 24, 2008

6:00 P.M.

(As amended)

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Gooch
- II. INVOCATION** Reverend Stephen Adams
Cavender Creek Baptist Church
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. PRESENTATION**
- Employee Awards
 - Judicial Center Financial Options
- V. PROCLAMATION**
- National Wear Red Day – February’s American Heart Month
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- December 20, 2007 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 - January 3, 2008 Work Session 9:00 a.m.
- VII. REPORTS**
- Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
 - Elected Officials
- VIII. RESOLUTIONS**
- 2008-01 Establish Qualifying Fees for 2008 County Elections
 - 2008-02 Establish Compensation – Board of Equalization
 - 2008-03 Vehicle Use Policy
 - 2008-04 Amendments to SB58-2001, as amended
- IX. CONTRACTS**
- 2008-001-A-S Twelve & Associates, LLC – Preventive Maintenance Test & Inspection Agreement Sheriff’s Dept.
 - 2008-002-A-S ESRI, Inc. – Software Support of ARC View
 - 2008-003-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 1 Agreement/Russell Steiner
 - 2008-004-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 3 Agreement/William Tison
 - 2008-005-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 5 Agreement/Ray Koehn
 - 2008-006-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 9 Agreement/Jimmy Woods
 - 2008-007-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 10 Agreement/Bill & Brenda Hanson
 - 2008-008-M-O Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Memorandum of Agreement/Georgia Flood Map Modernization Program Flood Map Update Project for Lumpkin County
 - 2008-009-N-P Floyd Wimpy Concrete Contract – Yahoola Creek Park Ball Fields Side Walk Project
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- Election of Vice-Chairman
- Personnel Matters (executive session)

XI. COMMENTS

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONER
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Meetings:

FEBRUARY

- Work Session – City Hall
- Board Meeting – City Hall

Feb. 07, 2008 at 9:00 am
Feb. 21, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

MARCH

- Work Session – City Hall
- Board Meeting – City Hall

Mar. 06, 2008 at 9:00 am
Mar. 20, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

APRIL

- Work Session – City Hall
- Board Meeting – City Hall

Apr. 03, 2008 at 9:00 am
Apr. 17, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

XIII. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 24, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Dahlonega City Hall. Present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

INVOCATION

The Reverend Stephen Adams of Cavender Creek Baptist Church led the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Chairman Gooch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to include a presentation concerning Judicial Center financial options and a resolution to amend SB 58-2001, as amended. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Employee Awards

County Manager Stan Kelley presented Employee Service Awards to 18 employees for 5 years, 9 employees for 10 years and 4 employees for 15 years. Mr. Kelley said Lumpkin County is blessed to have the employees that they do and he would put Lumpkin County employees up against any in the state of Georgia.

Chairman Gooch commended Mr. Kelley for the leadership he provides.

Judicial Center Financial Options

Attorney Roger Murray and Trey Monroe with Merchants Capital presented financing options for the construction of the new Judicial Center. Mr. Murray explained the differences between the sale of bonds that was previously pursued and the lease-purchase financing currently discussed. He pointed out that there is a slightly higher interest rate on the lease-purchase than the first transaction.

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to go forward with the ACCG lease-purchase funding option. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

National Wear Red Day – February's American Heart Month

This proclamation celebrates the progress made in women's heart health and acknowledges the need to make heart health a priority.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this proclamation which was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 20, 2007 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 3, 2008 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber moved to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle. District Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
Elected Officials

CHA Report

Kevin Hamby from Clough Harbour & Associates provided the update. Mr. Hamby said construction contracts will be locked in with two phases. A preliminary site plan has been provided to GDOT. They have requested a comprehensive traffic impact study which will contain much of the Morrison-Moore bypass. Phase I of the comprehensive look will be the immediate area of the Judicial Center, Health Department and Library.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve \$8,700.00 for a traffic impact study which was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

2008-01 Establish Qualifying Fees for 2008 County Elections

This resolution sets the qualifying fees for those county offices that are subject to election in 2008.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Commissioner Raber was absent from the room during the vote. Motion carried.*

2008-02 Establish Compensation – Board of Equalization

This resolution establishes the basis for compensation to members of the Board of Equalization.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this resolution which was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

2008- 03 Vehicle Use Policy

This resolution establishes a vehicle use policy for county owned vehicles.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

2008-04 Amendments to SB 58-2001, as amended

This resolution provides for the language of SB 58 to be amended to provide for a separate Clerk to be hired by the County Manager, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and to work under the direct supervision of the County Manager. Representative Amos Amerson requested changes to the previous resolution passed by the board.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. The motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.*

CONTRACTS

2008-001-A-S Twelve & Associates, LLC – Preventive Maintenance Test & Inspection Agreement Sheriff's Dept.

This agreement concerns the fire alarm system at the Sheriff's Department.

Term: Twelve-month period commencing January 24, 2008.

Amount: \$ 2,922.00 annually in one payment.

2008-002-A-S ESRI, Inc. – Software Support of ARC View

This is a maintenance agreement for ArcInfo and ArcGIS maintenance.

Term: 03/31/2008 to 03/30/2009

Amount: \$ 5,700.00

2008-003-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 1 Agreement/Russell Steiner

This agreement is a rental fee for a Sonex Airplane tie down.

Term: 01/01/2008 – 12/31/08

Amount: \$25.00 per month payable six (6) months in advance at beginning of each six month period.

2008-004-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 3 Agreement/William Tison

This agreement is a rental fee for a N6950Q aircraft tie down.

Term: 01/01/2008 – 12/31/08

Amount: \$25.00 per month payable six (6) months in advance at beginning of each six month period.

2008-005-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 5 Agreement/Ray Koehn

This agreement is a rental fee for a N4076U aircraft tie down.

Term: 01/01/2008 – 12/31/08

Amount: \$25.00 per month payable six (6) months in advance at beginning of each six month period.

2008-006-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 9 Agreement/Jimmy Woods

This agreement is a rental fee for a N8187B aircraft tie down.

Term: 01/01/2008 – 12/31/08

Amount: \$25.00 per month payable six (6) months in advance at beginning of each six month period.

2008-007-A-O Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down # 10 Agreement/Bill & Brenda Hanson

This agreement is a rental fee for a N733QS aircraft tie down.

Term: 01/01/2008 – 12/31/08

Amount: \$25.00 per month payable six (6) months in advance at beginning of each six month period.

2008-008-M-O Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Memorandum of Agreement/Georgia Flood Map Modernization Program Flood Map Update Project for Lumpkin County

This agreement details the combined flood mapping effort between EPD and Lumpkin County.

Term: Until completion of mapping program

Amount: \$ 0.00

2008-009-N-P Floyd Wimpy Concrete Contract – Yahoola Creek Park Ball Fields Side Walk Project

This contract provides that the contractor shall provide approximately 20,790 square feet of concrete upon the sidewalks and bleacher pad areas for Field 1, Field 2 and Field 3 at Yahoola Creek Park.

Term: All work must be completed within 21 days of issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Amount: \$ 2.99 per square foot to be paid within 15 days of Lumpkin County approval of completed work.

2008-011-A-I Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority – Intergovernmental Agreement for Financial Services

This agreement is a provision for financial services and shall neither create nor transfer any liability of Authority to County.

Term: 01/01/2008 – 12/31/08

Amount: \$ 200.00 payable monthly, with an annual fee of \$ 2,400.00

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to approve all contracts in one motion except the construction of the new Health Department contract which will be pulled out for discussion. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.

2008-010-N-P Lumpkin County Health Department – Bids for construction of new building.

This Gardner, Spencer, Smith, Tench & Jarbeau P.C. contract is for full architectural and engineering design and construction administration of the new Lumpkin County Health Department facility.

Amount: 5.75% of construction cost

The County Manager, Mark French and Finance Director Allison Martin said they want to work with the County Attorney to achieve a fixed dollar amount with their original recommendation of Gardner, Spencer which was the low bidder.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to postpone consideration of the contract which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Issue Beer & Wine Alcoholic Beverage License - Keith E. Robertson for Forrest Hills Resort, LLC

This matter was presented in a Public Hearing preceding this meeting where no objections were raised to the license or licensee.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this license. The motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Election of Vice-Chairman

The board elects a vice-chairman each January.

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to re-elect Clarence Stowers as Vice-Chairman. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson and Clarence Grindle. Clarence Stowers did not vote. Motion carried.

Personnel Matters (executive session)

This matter was postponed until all comments were completed.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager reminded that there would be a meeting at Park & Recreation concerning the updating of Flood Maps on Friday, February 1. He also announced that the Budget in Brief booklets were available at the back of the room.

Charles Trammel then briefed the board on his discussions with GDOT for road sign replacement. They have told Trammel that they will give the county up to \$200,000 this year if the county can get the request to them by March 2008. GDOT requires the county to hire a certified traffic engineer to survey all signs and ensure that they are placed safely. Trammel said it will cost about \$5,000.00 for the services of a certified traffic engineer. Trammel said that this sign program is 100% funded.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to authorize up to \$5,000.00 for a traffic engineer. John Raber seconded the motion. Deborah Hutcheson then amended her motion to authorize no more than \$6,000.00 for a traffic engineer. The motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Trammel said LARP projects this year will be Town Creek Church Road to the bridge, Hightower Church Road to the church, half of Martin Circle, Waterloo Road, and Blackburn Park Road for a total of almost \$500,000.00.

The Captain McDonald Road entrance sign to Yahoola Creek Park will be up no later than next week.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman recognized Public Works Director Eddy Harris regarding the job he did to bring Fire Station No. 4 to completion. Chairman Gooch also said he wants to request \$15,000.00 that is available through Amos Amerson and donate it as starter money for the Skate Park. He then commended the fire department on how quickly the fire department responded and put out a fire on the square.

COMMISSIONER

The Preliminary floor plan for the new Judicial Center is scheduled to be available February 8.

Commissioner Stowers reminded everyone of the Skate Park meeting Saturday, January 20. He said little money is available right now because not enough people are involved. A site for the skate park has been selected. He wants other board members to view the site and to dedicate that site if it is acceptable to them. The next meeting is February 2. Commissioner Stowers wants to allow the Skate Klub six months to raise money and see where to go from there.

Commissioner Raber said Judge Lowe suggested the board present a proclamation honoring Tony Norris. Mr. Norris will be retiring as the manager of the Dahlonaga Wal-Mart store.

Commissioner Hutcheson announced that the Georgia Mountains RDC is meeting on January 31st at the Smith House.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to go into executive session at 7:41 p.m. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

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Executive Session

The board met in executive session.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber made a motion to return from executive session at 9:30 p.m. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

Chairman Gooch announced the board would vote on the County Managers contract.

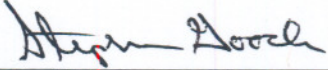
***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to accept the County Managers contract with a salary of \$92,951.00 as presented. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

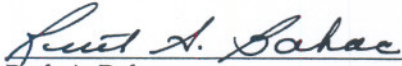
***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

2/21/2008
Date



Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County